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The Political Aspect in Washington.

A special correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer writes as follows:

WASHINGTON, December 6.

I came to the Capital this day a week ago to witness the inauguration of the revolutionary mob that was called to meet here, for the ostensible purpose of giving a welcome to the Radical Congress, but for the real purpose of overthrowing the President, and stiffening the backbone of such Radical members as felt disinclined to depose that official from the office of Chief Magistrate. I expected to witness a re-enactment of some of the scenes of the French Revolution, where the mob gave tone and direction to the Assembly, and demanded and received the life of the King.

The mob did not come off, and simply for the want of funds to bring the bad element here. The bad material expected to be here by the managers did not come, because they had not the means to come. The numbers that did come were too small to run so large a machine, and hide the leaders; hence it was determined to make the affair assume a very peaceful and insignificant appearance. A little show, a little speaking, eating and drinking, closed what was intended to be a very formidable and mischievous concern.

Many—I may say a large majority—of the Radical members, on their advent here, were either opposed to the impeachment of the President, or were very indifferent on the subject. Doubts of the propriety, and fear of the consequences, indisposed a majority of them to meddle with the President by impeaching him. But, since the caucuses, and within a day or two, there has been quite a change of tone among the Radicals, and the President is in more danger of impeachment today than he was on Monday last; and the feeling in that direction is growing and strengthening. I am satisfied that fear alone of financial troubles will prevent this Congress deposing the President before the 4th of March next. Mr. Johnson may not be aware of this, but it is nevertheless the true state of the case.

The Radicals will try a guerrilla war on the President for a while. They believe they can scare him into submission to their demands. I know they believe him to be destitute of physical courage, and hence they think that he will not have the moral courage to oppose what they are pleased to call "the will of the people as expressed at the late State elections." Of course, if they can accomplish their purposes with Mr. Johnson as President, it would be great folly in them to risk all by attempting his deposition. They will, therefore, commence by making the Presidential office of as trifling account as possible. They will curtail his patronage, limit his influence, and make all who desire Federal favors look more to Congress than the Executive for them. The Assembly of the people, as some of them now call Congress, must now be regarded as the fountain of power and patronage, and the President of small account. That is simply pelted the boy in the apple-tree with soda. If they do not bring him down harder missiles will be used. If the President will not yield to these guerrilla measures, the more formidable one of impeachment will be resorted to regardless of consequences.

For, mark you, if the President is firm, the Radicals cannot succeed in carrying out their programme. He will, to the end, be the lion in their path. They must have negro suffrage carried out. It is necessary to the life of the Radical party. It will die unless it secures negro suffrage. Hon. Ben. Stanton, formerly of Ohio, and a leading Republican, demonstrated that fact in a recent speech at Philadelphia. He showed that the governing political party in a large minority of the people of all the States, excluding the blacks; and that it is absolutely necessary to count the blacks on the side of the Republicans to give that political organization the moral prestige of including in its folds a majority of the whole people. He, therefore, urges Congress to declare every citizen of the United States to be entitled to like political rights and privi-

leges. His views are those of a large majority of Congress, and as it requires a majority only of the members of the House to prefer articles of impeachment, you may depend upon it, Mr. Johnson will be impeached unless he lets down, and allows Congress to have its own way in reconstructing the late "rebellious States."

Will the President let down? Can he be frightened into submission? There are two opinions prevalent. Those who know Mr. Johnson best say that he will never yield an iota of his policy, nor carry out any imposed on him that he believes to be unconstitutional. French is his determination, the Radicals can not succeed in carrying out their programme, and will be compelled to depose him to succeed. Others believe that he will yield to the pressure and make his peace with the Radicals, by submitting to their policy after they shall have passed it over his veto; and this opinion is founded on the fact that the President has not the moral courage to carry out his own convictions, as expressed in his official messages and popular addresses, by issuing a proclamation of general amnesty, and relieving the people of the South of military rule, not enforced on him by any law of Congress.

There can be no doubt of one thing, that Mr. Johnson is either too timid or too indifferent to the perils of his own situation for the crisis in which he is placed. He seems to act as if he was not master of the situation, and did not know his own power. The Radicals are aware of the dubious state of Mr. Johnson's mind, and will, therefore, crowd him the harder.

The points the Radicals will aim to carry out, are these, so far as the Southern unrepresented States are concerned:

1. The existing State governments South must be declared to be illegal. The States must be declared to be territories.
2. A law must be passed called an enabling act, under which new governments for each of those States can be formed, the constitution of each of which must be submitted to Congress for its approval.
3. That enabling act must declare who shall vote for delegates to the convention to make the new constitution. It must disfranchise those who took part in the war for the South, and declare all others to be voters, without regard to race or color.

That law carried out, it is supposed, would put the control of each of the unrepresented States in the hands of the Southern loyalists. And if it should happen that the freedmen should be influenced by their old masters, and vote delegates not of their right stripe, Congress has the power to reject the constitution framed by such delegates, though approved by those entitled to vote on it.

Such an enabling act will be passed, unless the Radicals are sure of securing the next President. If sure of that, they will wait for their whole object is to perpetuate the power of their party. If not sure of that, then the counsels of Ben. Butler will be followed, and the President impeached and deposed, if not previously gotten rid of by death.

A joint resolution will be passed declaring that the votes of none of the unrepresented States for electors of President and Vice President in 1868, shall be counted. That will be a nest-egg for a new civil war. But there will be no necessity for it, if President Johnson, after vetoing the enabling act, and it shall be passed over his veto, shall carry it out. If he will execute the law, the people of the South will be at the mercy of the Radicals. If he will not execute it, the law cannot be carried into operation without terrible scenes of blood, in which the blacks will be the main sufferers.

The conclusion of my mind is, that the future is full of doubt and uncertainty; that there is no prospect of a speedy harmonizing of the country; that strife and sectional bitterness will be increased; that mercantile embarrassments will multiply; that trade will languish; that general distrust will take hold of the public mind, and that a general financial and political crash will close the cloudy and constantly darkening scene.

Some sensation has been created by the announcement that Surratt, one of the alleged accomplices of the assassination of Mr. Lincoln, has been arrested in Egypt, and is on his way to this country. It is hoped that the report is true, though many doubt it, asserting that some fellow who wants to be brought here at the public expense has given out that he is Surratt. It is believed at the State Department that he

is the veritable Surratt. Boutwell, of Maine, in order to stab the President, instigated in the Republican caucus that the President was not anxious to have Surratt home, and took no pains to have him arrested—the insinuation covering a more meaning one: that Surratt, if brought home, would implicate Mr. Johnson in the assassination. The correspondence of the State Department, and its efforts to have Surratt arrested, will give the lie to these insinuations.

However, it is not doubted by many here, who know the malignity of the leading Radicals to the President, that efforts will be made to induce Surratt, on promise of Congressional influence to save him, to accuse President Johnson with being accessory to the murder of Mr. Lincoln. If Surratt can be made a tool of for that purpose, no scruples will be made to use him by the Ben. Butlers, Forneys, Wades and that class of Radical leaders. Good men will rejoice that a regular judicial tribunal will try Surratt, where testimony can be sifted, and weighed by legal scales, and where such perjured witnesses as Conover, and the pretence of Judge Advocate Helt, will have no influence on the court and jury. There is now some prospect of getting at the correct history of this horrid and deplorable transaction.

There is an evident storm brewing between the Secretary of the Treasury and the Radical Members of Congress. The latter accuse the former of playing into the hands of certain gold and stock operators, and declare that more certainty must be imparted to the money market, or a financial crash and great mercantile disaster cannot long be averted. The Secretary of the Treasury is for a return to specie payments as soon as possible. Leading Congressmen declare that specie payment will come of itself whenever the country is ready for it, and that to force it will ruin hundreds of thousands of people by producing sudden fluctuations in market values. There is no doubt about one thing—that a healthy mercantile and trading business cannot be conducted on an irredeemable and price fluctuating currency. The Secretary of the Treasury sees that, and wants to come down to the specie basis—the basis of the financial operations of the whole world. But he is charged with working fidgety to aid his friends, Jay Cooke and others. His power in that respect is immense; and if what is charged in private circles against him is correct, he should be immediately removed.

Canada and the Fenians.
The New York Freeman's Journal, that has always opposed Fenianism, says of the late proceedings of the Canadian Courts:

"Do the Canadians dream so idly as to suppose that such a system of outrage, under the mockery of law, will be endured on the borders of the United States? We can assure them that hundreds of thousands of Americans who opposed the Fenian raid last summer, will applaud and further a conquest of every foot of Canadian soil, if one man, of the late raiders is hanged by so execrable, and unjust a process as they have been subjected to in Toronto! Canada will, most assuredly, be invaded, and overrun; and no judge, or jurymen, or officer of any kind, who promoted or helped on the conviction of these prisoners, will be able to find any hiding place from Fenian vengeance, in Canada or North America."

The next two years are to be devoted, by American politicians, to securing the Presidential election in November, 1868. The Fenian vote, and the vote of their sympathizers, is going to be unscrupulously sought by both parties. The States of New York and Michigan, and Illinois, with their Governors, will strive to prove themselves more Fenian than the General Government at Washington. Seward's obsequiousness to British interests, in the last raid, will not be repeated. In fact, a foreign war would be a God-send, just now, to the Washington Government, and no war would be so popular, or so desirable, as one with England and her possessions.

Unscrupulousness is the modern law of great political powers. It is no sense to fumble over precedents of law, or moral dicta, when the urgent interests of a great power bespeak a war. The next visit of a United States army to the Canadian frontier, may, most probably, not be to repress a Fenian raid, but to demand account of a truculent and insipid Government, why American citizens have been put to death, without attendance of witnesses, and from evident partiality in the courts.

Some Canadian papers have put on mock airs of dignity, and said that threats from the United States would compel them to hang these prisoners. This is cowardly bluster. We answer it by saying: Hang one of them, if you dare, and then see how soon Canada will be overrun, and all engaged in bringing about the hanging will have to run to save their own necks.

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